

Earning Back Points and Making Up Tests



1. A little about earning back points.

I allow students that have demonstrated an **"honest effort"** to attempt to earn back points that they have lost on tests and some other assessments. You must be **eligible** to attempt this. To be eligible you must meet the following criteria for the particular unit that you were tested on:

- A. Have all homework done.
- B. Have all classwork done.
- C. Have all notes completed.
- D. Have appropriate conduct and effort during class.

2. Preparing to earn back points.

When you get back a paper and pencil test result, the first order of business that you have is to **correct your wrong answers in the margins of your test.** I will go over all of the correct answers with you when I hand back these tests. You are encouraged to ask questions about why any particular answer you gave was wrong, and I will gladly review any topics at this time. **If you are still unclear about any topic covered on a test, you should see me about staying after for extra help.**

Once you have your corrected test in hand, and you think you understand the topics covered, you must **re-write every question that you got wrong on a separate piece of paper.** In fact, you must write each answer over twice. First, you must write the question that you got wrong as you wrote it. For example:

- **Question 6: I wrote that the closest planet to the earth is the sun.**

You must then write the question over again with the correct answer.

- **Question 6: I now understand that the closest planet to the earth is Venus.**

ANOTHER EXAMPLE

- **Question 23: I wrote that the Prime Meridian is found at 0 degrees latitude.**

You must then write the question over again with the correct answer.

- **Question 23: I now understand that the Equator is found at 0 degrees latitude.**

Note: If you got a diagram wrong on a test, you might have to re-draw it to show the correct way of doing it. If you got most of an open response question wrong, you should re-write it correctly.

3. After you have re-written all of your questions.

Now that you have re-written all of your wrong answers AND corrected them, you have to **STUDY THE CORRECTED ANSWERS**. When you have done this long enough and feel that you are ready to attempt to earn points, you must **hand in your corrected answers stapled to your original test**. I will then make arrangements with you to stay after to try to earn your points back.

4. Actually earning back points.

If you only had a few questions wrong on your test, I will most likely orally (by direct questioning verbally) test you from the specific questions that you got wrong. If you have several or many questions wrong, you will have to take a "make-up" test. This test will be similar to your original test, but it will be different. Therefore, **if you really did poorly on the original test, you should re-write all of your wrong answers, AND re-study all of your notes, etc. from the ENTIRE unit!**

5. A quick checklist for you. If you did these things, you have done this correctly!

1. I corrected my incorrect test answers on my original test.
2. I have re-written all of my wrong answers, and then re-wrote them a second time to make them correct.
3. I have studied all of my corrected answers and feel that I know them well..
4. I have handed in my corrected answers stapled to my original test to Mr. Bent.
5. I have made arrangements with Mr. Bent to try to earn back points.